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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 6,020,307
- AB United States Patent No. 6,010,912
- AC United States Patent No. 5,670,328
- AD United States Patent No. 5,302,581
- AE United States Patent No. 4,659,805
- AL United Kingdom Application 2 259 455
- AM European Application 0 511 011]
- AN PCT Application WO 01/80633
- AO PCT Application WO 01/19392
- AP PCT Application WO 00/43026
- AQ PCT Application WO 00/05585
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- AU "An ELISA Technique for Quantification of Surfactant Apoprotein (SP)-C in Bronchoalveolar Lavage Fluid," Schmidt et al, Am. J. Respir. Crit. Care Med., Vol. 165 (2002), pages 470-474
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- AX "Altered Stability of Pulmonary Surfactant in SP-C-Deficient Mice," Glasser et al, PNAS, Vol. 98, No. 11 (2001), pages 6366-6371.
- AY "Surfactant Proteins as Genetic Determinants of Multifactorial Pulmonary Diseases," Haataja et al, Anals of Medicine, Vol. 34 (2002), pages 324-333.
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### **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The above References were cited in Search Reports rendered by the Swedish Patent Office and the European Patent Office in connection with the respective Swedish and European counterpart applications. Copies of the Swedish Search Report and the European Search Report are submitted herewith.

Additionally, Reference AA was identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 (two sheets) are submitted herewith. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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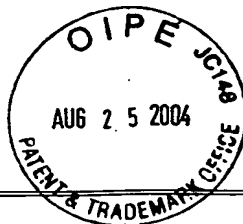
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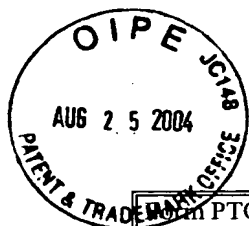
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